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FEDERAL INCORPORATION.

From his talk with members of his cabinet and with White House callers whose opinions and advice are in the president's judgment well worth listening to, it is reasonably clear that the first formal message from the chief executive to the Sixty-second congress will recommend legislation as follows:

Providing not only for the better government of Alaska but also for the industrial, commercial and transportation development of our northernmost territorial possessions along lines already laid down by the president on several occasions, both officially and informally; for tariff revision on a scientific basis—especially if his tariff board's exhaustive report shall be in hand in time for this—but with no present assurance that he will urge revision downward by this congress; for supplementary provisions to the Sherman anti-trust law but not of a sort that would emasculate it or in any particular weaken it; and for the incorporation by the federal government—that is, by congress—of companies to engage in interstate business under national control, regulation and direction. The latter proposal has already been formally made by the president, although not in detail; and while at least two of the other looked-for recommendations are matters at present much more under public discussion than a federal incorporation law, the latter if made will almost inevitably become the liveliest issue before the "long session" and the one with its outcome the most in doubt.

It is an essentially revolutionary proposal, viewed from whatever standpoint. There is nothing in the Constitution of the United States empowering the congress to enact such a law, and the right to incorporate business organizations has always since the formation of the federal government been held to be a strictly state prerogative and has been so exercised. Under this system the country has achieved the most wonderful industrial and commercial progress recorded in the history of the nations, and the most conservative masses of the American people may be expected to be found militantly adverse to abandoning it for a new and wholly untried scheme—one involving, too, an alarming expansion of federal paternalism. An imposing array of the ablest constitutional lawyers will no doubt rise up to oppose such legislation, and the states-rights contingent will be out in fighting trim against it.

It will be argued, of course, that the government chartering of the first Pacific railroads, the national bank act and the incorporation of the original inter-oceanic canal company all present precedents for federal incorporation—but the answer will be made that these all provided for "instrumentalities of government," which the chartering of an interstate commerce corporation does not. And in the end the issue will probably resolve itself into a proposal for so amending the federal constitution as to clothe congress with a power that it now lacks.

In this way, one expected recommendation by President Taft in his forthcoming message opens up one of the greatest constitutional questions with which the country has ever dealt.

NATURALIZATION LAWS.

Apparently our naturalization laws are in need of amendment, in one particular, at least. A man of good character who has been in the military service of the United States for nine years has been denied admission to citizenship because he has not resided within the United States for the requisite five years. He foreswore his allegiance to Great Britain and took the oath of allegiance when he entered the American military service, but that was in the Philippines, which are not a part of the United States, according to the federal supreme court.

The Philippines are the property of the United States, not an integral part of the republic. Hence a man who served as lieutenant general of the Philippine constabulary, in the service of the United States, is not qualified for citizenship. It is an anomaly that should be remedied. The man is no longer a subject of Great Britain. Of what country is he a citizen?

The Santa Monica high school authorities have warned their pupils against kissing games. What chance is there of any heed being paid to this admonition?

Oaklanders are complaining because aviators flying over that city keep the babies awake. The aviators must go.

AMERICAN CRAZE FOR AMUSEMENT.

The extent to which Americans have become an amusement-loving people is illustrated by the many-sided competition the regular theaters are compelled to meet. This competition is infinitely varied and is carried to an extent and into channels hardly appreciated. The motion picture shows are only one phase of this competition. In every large city there are amusement parks containing a great number and variety of devices for amusement and entertainment. In all these places music, vaudeville and singing are features. And the cheapness of it all is wonderful.

Yet the theaters have multiplied notwithstanding the picture shows and the amusement parks. Hotel roof gardens furnish free music amid pleasing and sensuous surroundings, and band concerts have become a regular feature in the dining rooms of the fashionable hotels. The high-class restaurants employ vaudeville and music as attractions. Some of them combine the features of the Parisian cafe chantant, the German beer garden and the London music hall. Each diner is given a free show with his meals.

Ballet skirts and mermaid choruses are appearing at the larger cafes in great numbers and the result is that instead of leaving the great dining rooms to visit the theaters after dinner the merry-makers merely make a night of it in the cafe, dragging slowly through a long-course dinner and later ordering a supper to while away the time not occupied by the yodlers and grand opera singers and Russian dancers.

Much of the music and singing is high-class. Let a new opera be put upon the boards and at once its most tuneful numbers and catchy airs will be heard in all the cabarets and music-hall restaurants. Before the "Merry Widow" reached New York the restaurant orchestras in San Francisco were playing the waltz that is known by the name of the opera. It is the same with every new song. With half a dollar one can visit half a dozen picture shows in an evening, and on Sunday can go out in the public parks and listen to the very best of band music for nothing.

Yet withal the regular theaters thrive. The human interest in the plots worked out on the stage, the virility and appeal of human action, enable them to survive in spite of the diversity and abundance of cheap competition. Songs and snatches cannot supply the place of the comic opera. The motion picture pantomime is incomplete and unsatisfying compared to the real action and spoken words of the stage. It is entertaining in a way, but it lacks the zest of the real thing—the visible play and articulated expression of passion and sentiment. But the demand for amusement must be very great else it would not be supplied in such lavish abundance.

A PROPHECY FULFILLED.

During the past summer an unknown American concern took over a five-years' lease on the old quarantine grounds at Baltimore, Md., and will establish there a feldspar-potash factory. The company has an option on the renewal of the lease, or the purchase of the grounds, at the expiration of the period indicated. This move marks the first step in the beginning of a new industry of great significance—namely, the extraction from common feldspar rocks of the potash supplies for the fertilizer and explosives industries. At present, the rock-salt region about Stassfurt, Germany, monopolizes the supply of potash to the world.

In the Mining World of March 11, 1911, there appeared an article entitled "Can Germany's Potash Monopoly Be Broken?" It was there pointed out that the German potash monopoly, through the notorious action of the Prussian syndicate in abrogating American contracts with the independents, had materially encouraged the search for sources of potash in our own country. It was prophesied that the high-handed German methods would ultimately make the United States, which is the world's leading consumer, independent of Germany, and that "in the use of ground feldspar from the enormous supplies available in America and elsewhere, there lies a new sleeping giant which will ultimately replace in the world's markets the use of Germany's potash salts."

The chemical treatment of potash-feldspar rock for the extraction of potash was at that time only in the theoretic stage. Several patents had been issued to A. S. Cushman and others. However, no attempt, prior to the present movement in Baltimore has ever been made to apply the theory on a commercial scale unless we except the sale of ground phonolite rock in Europe as potash fertilizer. When it is realized that the United States alone imports some \$11,500,000 of potash salts annually, and that our consumption would be very much greater could new processes slightly cheapen the cost of potash, the importance of the new industry will be readily appreciated.

The experiment at Baltimore will be watched with a good deal of interest. As a first step, it would be rather exceptional to expect of it unqualified success; but the experiences gained, whether successful or not, will be of value toward future commercial endeavors in this field.

Santa Monica is in danger of losing the widows who form one of its features. Two hundred and fifty bachelors have offered to marry them. The Santa Monica board of trade should induce the widows to insist that their prospective husbands agree to live in that town. The increase in population could thus be made to offset the prestige that would be lost when Santa Monica can no longer claim to have more widows than any town of its size in the world.

Dr. Lyman, held at the Alameda county jail for frenzied finance, is piqued because there are no facilities for prisoners to entertain their friends. All county jails should have reception halls and lounging rooms. The jails are becoming so uncomfortable that one might as well put up at a hotel.

Sober citizens of Oregon are beginning to take renewed interest in the old song "The Days Beyond Recall."

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This gazetteer is placed in offices of all the important cities of the country, where it is consulted by non-residents, persons seeking investments, travelers, etc., and where it serves as a lasting advertisement for the state, its business men and its public and private institutions.

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Taxes become delinquent after MONDAY, DEC. 4, 1911, when the legal penalty of 10 per cent will be imposed and the property advertised for sale.

The tax sale will be held on Monday, Jan. 15, 1912.

Dated at Tonopah, Nev., Nov. 16, 1911.

FRANK P. MANNIX,
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